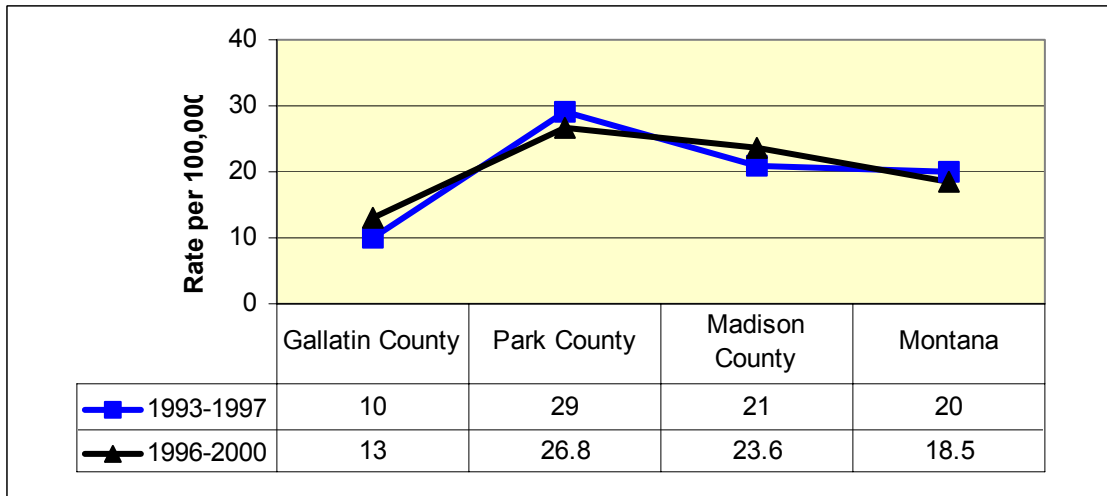*Suicide:* Montana ranks 2nd in the nation for deaths by suicide. Even while Gallatin County rates are fewer than the state and national rates, a five-year average trend indicates an increase of deaths by suicide within the county. More disturbing is the fact that Park and Madison counties experience higher averages than the state average.

Suicide Rate Per 100,000 Population

	Gallatin County	Park County	Madison County	Montana
1993-1997	10	29	21	20
1996-2000	13	26.8	23.6	18.5

Source: County Health Profile (1998 and 2002), DPHHS
Comment: year range data averaged and based on data from Vital Statistics Bureau.
Respective National rates for 1990 & 2000 are 11.8 and 10.4--National Center for Health Statistics